

AS AN AMATEUR EXTRA CLASS AND AN AMATEUR OPERATOR FOR OVER 25 YEARS
I WHOLE HEARTEDLY SUPPORT THE ARRL'S PETITION. THE RANKS OF AMATEUR
OPERATORS HAS BEEN DWINDLING OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS CAUSING A DECLINE IN THE
RANKS OF A "READY AND ABLE" ALTERNATE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION NETWORK FOR OUR
COUNTRY. BY ENACTING THIS PETITION, THE REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING AN AMATEUR
LICENSE BECOME MORE REALISTIC IN TODAY'S ENVIRONMENT, AND WOULD ATTRACT MORE
PEOPLE TO THIS AVOCATION. THANK YOU, KENNETH R. ESTER